

*AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS*

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A nutrition trace element composition, ~~characterised in that wherein~~ one daily dose of the composition contains ~~0.04~~ 0.5 mg - 2 mg of selenium and/or 10 mg - 100 mg of zinc as trace elements ~~element(s)~~, ~~and~~ wherein iron is not contained as a trace element.

2. (Currently Amended) The composition ~~according to~~ of claim 1, ~~characterised in that wherein~~ the composition exists as an infusion solution.

3. (Currently Amended) The composition ~~according to~~ of claim 2, ~~characterised in that wherein~~ the infusion solution exists in a form suitable for parenteral administration.

4. (Currently Amended) The composition ~~according to~~ of claim 1, ~~characterised in that wherein the composition~~ exists as a concentrate with ~~0.004~~ 0.05 mg - 0.2 mg/ml of selenium and/or 1 mg - 10 mg/ml of zinc.

5. (Currently Amended) The composition ~~according to~~ of claim 1, ~~characterised in that it wherein the composition~~ exists as an aqueous solution for injection purposes.

6. (Currently Amended) The composition ~~according to~~ of claim 1, further comprising other trace elements selected from the group consisting of chromium, fluorine, iodine, copper, manganese and molybdenum.

7. (Currently Amended) The composition ~~according to~~ of claim 1, ~~characterised in that wherein~~ the composition is formulated as a 10-ml infusion solution.

8. (Currently Amended) The composition ~~according to~~ of claim 1, ~~characterised in that it wherein the composition~~ exists as an aqueous solution in an ampoule.

9.-15. (Cancelled)

~~10~~ 16. (Currently Amended) A method of nutrition of humans, which method comprises ~~comprising~~ administering to a human a nutrition trace element composition

comprising selenium and/or zinc, wherein the daily dose of the composition comprises 0.5 mg-2 mg of selenium is in the range from 0.04 mg—2 mg and the daily dose of 10 mg-100 mg of zinc is in the range from 10 mg—100 mg, and wherein the trace element iron is not administered to the human.

~~11~~ 17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~10~~ 16, wherein the human is an intensive care patient or a sepsis patient.

~~12~~ 18. (Cancelled)

~~13~~ 19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~12~~ 16, wherein the ~~trace elements~~ are composition is administered parenterally.

~~14~~ 20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~10~~ 16, wherein the method further comprises administering other trace elements selected from the group consisting of chromium, fluorine, copper, iodine, copper, manganese and molybdenum.

~~15~~ 21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~12~~ 16, wherein the ~~trace elements~~ are composition is administered for a period of at least 3 days.

~~16~~ 22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~15~~ 21, wherein the ~~trace elements~~ are composition is administered for a period of at least 5 days.

23. (New) The composition of claim 1, wherein the composition comprises electrolytes exclusively.